

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 06-224)

In the Application of:)	
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Serial No. 10/574,999)	
)	Group Art Unit: 3643
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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY TO THE JANUARY 21, 2009 OFFICE ACTION

This is a Supplemental Reply to the January 21, 2009 non-final Office Action for the above-identified U.S. patent application. This Supplemental Reply is responsive to the February 5, 2010 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was apparently issued as a result of confusion regarding the claims pending in the application. The Applicant's filed a Preliminary Amendment on January 16, 2009 that was not considered by the examiner in the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2009. The Applicant responded to the Office Action as if the January 16, 2009 Preliminary Amendment had not been entered. However, there was no indication that the January 16, 2009 amendment was not entered. Therefore, the Applicant has amended to current response so that the claims are presented in a manner that corresponds to the numbering of the claims pending following the filing of the January 16, 2009 Preliminary Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.